



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

PARTICIPATION BY GO-TO-MEETING ACCESS DUE TO DE COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Announcement of participating CEC Members and acknowledgement of absences. The following members were in attendance: Sue Callaway, Chair; Christi Bernlohr, Donna Farrow, Ingrid Moore, Susan Spingler, Carol Stevenson, and Mo Webster. Kent and Bobbe Stephan were absent. Mike Kern and Darlene Dunn participated from the public.

Review and approval of December 10, 2020 CEC Meeting Summary. Susan Spingler made the first motion for approval of minutes and Ingrid Moore made a second. The Minutes were approved unanimously without any changes.

CEC Comments or Public Comments. Mike Kern mentioned that he was participating to follow-up on the CEC's previously proposed bocce ball and pickleball activities. Darlene Dunn was present to participate for the first time in a CEC meeting.

Update from Public Works – Jon Stifler

Jon was unable to attend due to a pending check valve project on Layton Drive. Sue read his report announcing 1) all mulch on Route 1 has been distributed; 2) Rick is planting the first load of 900 plants in circle beds and other beds along Route 1 – next load of plants to arrive the week of April

19th; Ocean Drive planters are being painted and artwork will be hung as soon as the painting is completed.

Update on Adopt Program

- The new permanent adopt signs are ready for installation. Sue and Jon will be installing them during the week of April 19th. Some adopters have specified the location they want the sign placed.
- Sue announced a new adoption on W. 1st Street and that the designs presented have been approved by the Adopt Sub-committee members. In addition the other re-vitalized adoption on Canal Drive between W. 7th and W. 8th is completed under the leadership of Carolyn Bell and several other volunteers. Inland Bays will continue to sponsor their partnership through April and May by assisting adopters with design consultation and a 10% discount on any purchases.
- Christi Bernlohr has volunteered to adopt the Route 1 canal end between New Castle and Henlopen.
- Susan Spingler is confirming her proposed adoption with a neighbor of the west street road end across from her canal.

Discussion of CEC FY 2022 Budget initiatives

The group discussed and reviewed the following items proposed for FY22 funding:

- Bike Repair Station: This activity was approved by the Town Council. Sue has confirmed some specific details with the Dero Bike Company and the order for the station will be placed next week. Sue will meet with Jon and Maureen regarding the location for the Station but the consensus is the best location is in the area surrounding the bike racks in the Anchorage Forebay area. A concrete pad will be placed so that the station can be firmly installed. The company anticipates a 5 week delivery from time of order.
- Bocce Ball: Town Council did not approve this budgeted item. Sue mentioned that Council Members received several emails from nearby residents opposing the activity. Sue noted that future proposed activities must encourage supporters to voice their support as well.

- Pickleball Court: Town Council did not approve this budgeted item. Sue mentioned that Council Members received several emails from nearby residents opposing the activity. Sue noted that future proposed activities must encourage supporters to voice their support as well.
- Flags for Heroes: This activity was approved by the Town Council. Following budget approval, Sue spoke with the Southern Sussex Rotary Club chair of the FFH program Steve Cropper regarding ordering the proposed flags. The flags will be placed at the north and south end of town along Route 1 on certain holidays. Christi Bernlohr suggested organizing the CEC members to install the flags once the ground sockets are installed. The group agreed and Mo Webster has already created a draft Sign-Up-Genius site to facilitate volunteers signing up for flag installation on the designated holiday weekends.

Miscellaneous Comments

- Sue announced that Mo Webster will be running for a Town Council position in the SB 2021 Election. She added that Carolyn Bell had also signed up to run for a position.
- Christi Bernlohr volunteered to host a social gathering this summer for CEC members. The group agreed on being ready to “get together!”
- Sue noted that current COVID government guidelines would prohibit any scheduling of a landscape workshop sponsored by the Inland Bays Garden Center.
- There were no further comments from the public.

Adjournment

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:45 am.